

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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translation of Applicants' priority documents, thereby perfecting a claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d). Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-6 and 13 should be withdrawn.


Claims 7-12 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As applicant believes that the rejection to the base claims has been overcome, claims 7-12 are allowable in their current form.

In view of the foregoing it is submitted that claims 1-13, being all the claims presently in the application, are in condition for allowance and therefore should be passed to issue at the earliest possible time.

If the Examiner does not find this application in condition for allowance he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Washington D.C. telephone number 293-7060 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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